

Mandatory Prescriber Education

As of July 1, 2017, New York State will require that every physician holding a DEA license complete three hours of education every three years on addiction, pain management and palliative care. Additionally, each physician will be required to go online and attest (see below) to their completion.



Practitioners who do not have a DEA are exempt and do not require a waiver.

We are aware of the following courses being offered that meet the statutory requirements.

- 1.** The Medical Society of the State of NY (MSSNY) developed 3 one hour CME webinars program (also available online) this program in conjunction with the New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services and covers the 8 topics areas articulated within the NYS statute. The program is free of charge to MSSNY members, or a \$50 charge per webinar for non-MSSNY members.
- 2.** A Pain Management CME Course is being offered without charge by the Boston University School of Medicine and the New York Chapter of the American College of Physicians. It is a CME and ABIM accredited course. [Click here](#) for the link to register for the three modules. There are instructions to access as well as important tips for those who may want to begin the course, leave it and return.
- 3.** Prescribers can access three hours of free course work covering the eight required topic areas, sponsored by NYSDOH, from the University of Buffalo. The course is offered in two parts and can be accessed at: [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#).

Please note, the language in the regulations provides for an exemption:

“The department shall institute a procedure for application for an exemption from said requirement. The department may provide an exemption from the course work and training required by this subdivision to any such licensed person who: (i) clearly demonstrates to the department’s satisfaction that there would be no need for him or her to complete such course work or training; or (ii) that he or she has completed course work or training deemed by the department to be equivalent to the course work or training approved by the department pursuant to this subdivision.

We have been told that the DOH BNE has indicated that each exemption request will be reviewed by the department to determine if the requestor has clearly demonstrated to the department that there would be no need for them to complete the course work.

If the candidate has completed equivalent course work or training, they can attest that they have met the requirement. There would be no need for a waiver. The BNE officials have said that the exemption process will probably be available sometime in March 2017 and will probably be through a physician’s Health Commerce System Account.” However, we have not seen any information on the process yet.

Please note, we are attaching two PDF documents that provide FAQ's and additional information.

- [Mandatory Prescriber Education Guidance](#) (PDF)
- [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (PDF)

You can find further information about the BNE at www.health.ny.gov/professionals/narcotic or by calling 866-811-7957.

Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker (NEAT)

Prescribers must notify the Department that they have completed the educational requirement by submitting an online attestation. Prescribers must attest to their own completion of the course work or training. For medical residents who are authorized to prescribe under a facility's DEA registration number, the facility must make such attestation.

For the initial attestation deadline of July 1, 2017, applicable course work or training completed from July 1, 2015, to July 1, 2017, is permissible to satisfy the requirement. For each and every subsequent attestation period, course work or training must be completed during the applicable attestation period. Prescribers licensed on or after July 1, 2017, who have a DEA registration, as well as medical residents authorized to prescribe controlled substances under a facility DEA registration, shall complete the course work or training within one year of registration, and once within each three-year period thereafter.

To access the Narcotic Education Attestation Tracker (NEAT) application in the NYS Health Commerce System (HCS): Log into the HCS at <https://commerce.health.state.ny.us>